**SCORED DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Harvard University Office of Admissions

**Directions:** After reading through each application, answer the following questions as a team and prepare to present this information to the rest of the class in a scored discussion. You have 10 minutes to complete this activity and to prepare one member of your group to argue in support of your candidates.

1. **Who are your top 3 candidates? Rank them and provide an explanation.**

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|  | **Name** | **Explanation (Why?)** |
| **1** |  |  |
| **2** |  |  |
| **3** |  |  |

1. **What factors did you consider the most important in making your selections?**
2. **Did you consider the racial background of the applicant? Why or why not?**
3. **Should an applicant’s personal story count as much as their test scores or grades? Why?**